

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AUTHORIZING THE HOUSING DIRECTOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO INCREASE MOTEL PROGRAM OPERATIONAL FUNDING BY \$476,224, FROM THE AMOUNT OF \$6,860,045 PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY COUNCIL, TO A TOTAL OF \$7,336,269, AND NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES TO OPERATE THE MOTEL PROGRAM AS PROVIDED BELOW: (A) AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,270,463 TO HOMEFIRST FOR BRISTOL HOTEL, CASA LINDA MOTEL, AND FONTAINE INN, RETROACTIVELY FROM JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025; RETROACTIVELY FOR MOTEL 6 FROM JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025; AND FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF ALURA INN RETROACTIVELY FROM JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026; (B) AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,312,400 TO PATH, FOR BRISTOL HOTEL, FROM DECEMBER 1, 2025, TO JUNE 30, 2026; (C) AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$818,933 TO RAZING THE BAR, FOR CASA LINDA MOTEL, FROM DECEMBER 1, 2025, TO JUNE 30, 2026; (D) AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$928,434 TO PATH, FOR FONTAINE INN, FROM JANUARY 1, 2026, TO JUNE 30, 2026; AND (E) AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,006,039 TO WEHOPE, FOR MOTEL 6, FROM JANUARY 1, 2026, TO JUNE 30, 2026 TO INCREASE MOTEL PROGRAM OPERATIONAL FUNDING BY \$476,224, FROM THE AMOUNT OF \$6,860,045 PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY COUNCIL, TO A TOTAL OF \$7,336,269, AND NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS WITH THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES TO OPERATE THE MOTEL PROGRAM AS PROVIDED BELOW: (A) AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,270,463 TO HOMEFIRST FOR BRISTOL HOTEL, CASA LINDA MOTEL, AND FONTAINE INN, RETROACTIVELY FROM JULY 1, 2025, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025; RETROACTIVELY FOR MOTEL 6 FROM JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025; AND FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF ALURA INN RETROACTIVELY FROM JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026; (B) AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,312,400 TO PATH, FOR BRISTOL HOTEL, FROM DECEMBER 1, 2025, TO JUNE 30, 2026; (C) AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$818,933

~~TO RAZING THE BAR, FOR CASA LINDA MOTEL, FROM DECEMBER 1, 2025, TO JUNE 30, 2026; (D) AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$928,434 TO PATH, FOR FONTAINE INN, FROM JANUARY 1, 2026, TO JUNE 30, 2026; AND (E) AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,006,039 TO WEHOPE, FOR MOTEL 6, FROM JANUARY 1, 2026, TO JUNE 30, 2026~~

WHEREAS, in June 2024, the City Council adopted a comprehensive sheltering strategy that included a motel leasing strategy plan to quickly create ~~quick~~ shelter opportunities for individuals experiencing homelessness and a supportive outdoor sleeping strategy that has since, ~~later~~ transitioned to a Navigation Hub site model; and

WHEREAS, the motel leasing strategy provides flexibility to align outreach efforts with available shelter capacity, particularly in addressing high-visibility, high-impact encampments and would strengthen accountability, service coordination, and operational efficiency across the Motel Program; and

~~**WHEREAS**, the Housing Department initially designated HomeFirst to operate the Motel Program, which would consist of 251 units with 331 beds across five motel sites and provide supportive services, meals, hygiene, and laundry facilities; and~~

WHEREAS, in June 2025, pursuant to the City's Proclamation of Local Emergency caused by Homelessness and San José Municipal Code Chapter 4.12, the Housing Department exercised emergency authority to designate HomeFirst as the initial operator of the Motel Program, providing services at five motel sites comprising 251 units and 331 beds, including meals, hygiene, laundry, and supportive services; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, the City later conducted a competitive Request for Proposal process to expand operational capacity and ensure greater accountability and service coordination through the selection of three additional ~~service providers~~ organizations

PATH, Razing the Bar, and WeHOPE as additional service providers; and

WHEREAS, as of September 30, 2025, four active motel sites played a critical role in reducing unsheltered homelessness, particularly through the abatement of the Columbus Park encampment, housing over 210 individuals and preventing displacement to unmanaged encampments, while removing more than 60 oversized vehicles and offering safe shelter ahead of the winter season; and

WHEREAS, the fifth motel site (Motel 6) opened in October 2025, providing an additional 76 units to expand capacity and reduce unsheltered homelessness citywide; and

WHEREAS, transitioning operations at four motel sites to PATH, Razing the Bar, and WeHOPE—while HomeFirst continues operation of the Alura Inn—will ensure continuity of housing navigation, case management, behavioral health coordination, food provision, and onsite security for all program participants; and

~~WHEREAS, as of October 2025, the five active motel program sites have played a critical role in reducing unsheltered homelessness, particularly through the abatement of the Columbus Park encampment, providing shelter to over 200 individuals and offering safe temporary housing to families and individuals during high-risk weather periods; and~~

WHEREAS, HomeFirst has been operating the Motel sites since as early as July 1 and will continue operating Alura Inn for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2025-2026, Razing the Bar will begin operation of Casa Linda Motel on December 1, PATH will begin operation of Bristol Hotel on December 1 and Fontaine Inn on January 1, 2026, and WeHOPE will begin operation of Motel 6 on January 1; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of new motel site operators will strengthen program efficiency, align with Citywide housing priorities, and ensure continuity of supportive

services, meals, case management, and on-site security for all program participants; and

WHEREAS, the proposed increase for the Motel Program operational funding is \$476,224, increasing the previously approved amount of \$6,860,045 to a total of \$7,336,269, which will be funded through the Real Property Transfer Tax Fund (Fund 404), Safe & Alternative Sleeping Sites (15% HSP) appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the continued operation of the Motel Program ~~advances~~ is consistent with the City's policy goals under the Emergency Interim Housing Programs Mitigated Negative Declaration (Resolution No. RES2023-380) and ~~complies with~~ CEQA File No. ER25-073, Motel Transitional Housing and Congregate Shelters; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of San José ("~~City~~") desires to adopt this resolution for the reasons set forth in the memorandum, dated ~~October 29~~ November 13, 2025, from the Director of Housing, Erik L. Soliván, for the November 18, 2025 City Council meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

The City Council hereby authorizes the Housing Director, or his designee, to increase Motel Program operational funding by \$476,224, from the previously approved amount of \$6,860,045 ~~previously approved by Council~~, to a total of \$7,336,269, and negotiate and execute agreements with the following entities service providers, consistent with the terms below: to operate the Motel Program as provided below:

(a) HomeFirst: An amount not to exceed \$3,270,463 for operations at the Bristol Hotel, Casa Linda Motel, Fontaine Inn, and Motel 6 retroactively from as early as July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, and for the continued operation of the Alura Inn retroactively from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026;

(b) PATH: An amount not to exceed \$1,312,400 for operation of the Bristol Hotel from December 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026; and an amount not to exceed \$928,434 for operation of the Fontaine Inn from January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026;

(c) Razing the Bar: An amount not to exceed \$818,933 for operation of the Casa Linda Motel from December 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026;

(d) WeHOPE: An amount not to exceed \$1,006,039 for operation of Motel 6 from January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026.

~~(a) An amount not to exceed \$3,270,463 to HomeFirst for Bristol Hotel, Casa Linda Motel, and Fontaine Inn, and Motel 6 retroactively from as early as July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025; and for the continued operation of Alura Inn retroactively from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026;—~~

~~(b) An amount not to exceed \$1,312,400 to PATH, for Bristol Hotel, from December 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026;—~~

~~(c) An amount not to exceed \$818,933 to Razing the Bar, for Casa Linda Motel, from December 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026;—~~

~~(d) An amount not to exceed \$928,434 to PATH, for Fontaine Inn, from January 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026; and—~~

~~(e) An amount not to exceed \$1,006,039 to WeHOPE, for Motel 6, from January 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026.—~~

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

MATT MAHAN
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, MMC
City Clerk